

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen tensioning member comprising an elongated body, a base on said elongated body, a plurality of spaced fingers on said base extending longitudinally of said body, said base including first and second sides, said fingers extending outwardly from said first side, and an elongated leaf spring extending outwardly from said second side.

9. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen tensioning member as set forth in claim 8 including an elongated stiffener rod connected to said second side.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen tensioning member comprising an elongated body, a base on said elongated body, a plurality of spaced fingers on said base extending longitudinally of said body, and an elongated leaf spring connected to said base.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen tensioning member as set forth in claim 11 including a bolt extending outwardly from said base.

Claims 14 to 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen tensioning member as set forth in claim 11 wherein said fingers are flexible and resilient.

Claims 19 and 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine comprising a frame, opposed first and second side walls on said frame, a fixed screen-engaging member on said first wall, and a movable screen-engaging member on said second wall, said fixed screen-engaging member comprising a series of first spaced fingers proximate said first wall, and said movable screen-engaging member comprising a series of spaced flexible and resilient second fingers on an elongated body mounted proximate said second wall, and a support fixedly mounted on said second wall in supporting engagement with said elongated body.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 21 wherein said series of first spaced fingers is also flexible and resilient.

24. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 23 wherein said first fingers are located on a second elongated body.

25. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 24 wherein said first and second fingers are upwardly inclined relative to said first and second walls, respectively.

26. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 21 including a screen assembly, a plate on said screen assembly, a screen on said plate, first and second side edge portions on said plate, first and second series of spaced apertures in said first and second side edge portions, respectively, and said first and second fingers being located in said first and second spaced apertures, respectively.

27. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 26 including first and second sides in said first and second apertures, respectively, and said first

and second fingers being in engagement with said first and second sides, respectively.

28. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 27 wherein said series of first spaced fingers is also flexible and resilient.

29. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 28 wherein said first fingers are located on a second elongated body.

30. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 29 wherein said first and second fingers are upwardly inclined relative to said first and second walls, respectively.

31. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 27 wherein said first and second sides are spaced a first predetermined distance apart when said screen is in an untensioned condition, and wherein said plurality of second fingers are movable to a second predetermined distance from said plurality of first fingers to thereby tension said plate.

32. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 27 wherein said first and second fingers are spaced a predetermined distance apart when said screen is in an untensioned condition, and wherein said first fingers are located on a second elongated body, and wherein said second elongated body is movable to a second predetermined distance from said first elongated body to thereby tension said plate.

33. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 32 including a bolt extending outwardly from said second elongated body, a cam body mounted on said second side wall and mounting bolt, and cam follower secured to said bolt and position adjacent to said cam body.

34. (Previously Presented) A vibratory screen assembly comprising a plate, first and second side edge portions on said plate, first and second series of finger-receiving apertures in said first and second side edge portions, respectively, first and second flanges on said plate located outwardly of said first and second series of apertures, respectively, a screen on said plate, and first and second portions of said screen assembly spaced from and overlying said first and second finger-receiving apertures, respectively, and secured between said plate and said first and second flanges, respectively.

Claims 35 to 38. (Cancelled)

39. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen machine comprising a frame, first and second opposed side walls on said frame, first and second screen-engaging members on said first and second walls, respectively, at least one of said first and second screen-engaging members being movable and comprising a body, a plurality of spaced fingers on said body, and a support fixedly mounted on the same wall as said movable screen-engaging member and in supporting engagement with said movable screen-engaging member.

40. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 39 wherein the other of said first and second screen-engaging members comprises a plurality of second spaced fingers.

41. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 39 including means for moving said movable screen-engaging member toward and away from the wall on which it is mounted.

42. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 1 including a second support fixedly mounted on the same wall as said other of said first and second screen-engaging members and in supporting engagement therewith.

43. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 42 wherein the other of said first and second screen-engaging members comprises a plurality of second spaced fingers.

44. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screening machine as set forth in claim 29 wherein said second elongated body is movable, and a second support fixedly mounted on said first side wall in supporting engagement with said second elongated body.

45. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen assembly as set forth in claim 34 wherein said screen is located between said first and second portions of said screen assembly.

46. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen assembly as set forth in claim 45 wherein said screen is of an undulating shape.

47. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen assembly as set forth in claim 45 wherein said first and second portions of said screen assembly comprise first and second portions of said screen, respectively.

48. (Withdrawn) A vibratory screen assembly as set forth in claim 47 wherein said screen is of an undulating shape.